

Toscano and Ting Awarded Dodge Grant

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The Ronald D. Dodge Memorial Endowment Fund's Faculty Grant has been awarded to Rose Marie Toscano and Simon Ting for their project, "Website with Multimedia Authoring Tool and Online Training Resources for Developing Sign Language and/or Captioned Video Lessons and Tutorials to Support Classroom Teaching and Distance Learning."

Toscano, who will serve as project director and Ting as technical consultant, will combine existing multimedia applications in IdeaTools to create an online authoring tool to enable RIT/NTID faculty to develop their own sign language and/or captioned video lessons. Combining the three identified applications will result in a simpler tool, achieving greater ease of use for instructors unfamiliar with multimedia and video authoring tools.

The grant is offered annually to RIT faculty members for financial assistance in supporting research and development efforts conducted during the academic year. Alberta Dodge established the award in 1984 in memory of her husband, a 1929 graduate of the Mechanics Institute, the forerunner of RIT. Projects must focus on improving the effectiveness of faculty engaged in educating deaf and hard-of-hearing students at RIT.